

**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Alan SLATER, et al

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For:

System and Method for Image Deposition,
And Deposit Taking in a Commercial Environment
REC System and Method for Image Depositing, Image Presentment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 22, 2002, the time to respond having been extended three months by separate petition to November 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please re-write claims 1 and 24 as follows:

(Twice Amended) A method for image based transactions, comprising: receiving at a first location at least one of an instrument and cash having a front face and a back face;

scanning the front face and the back face of said at least one of an instrument and cash to create a deposited instrument or an electronic validation of deposited cash;

transmitting an image of the scanned deposited instrument or cash from the first location to a second location; and

processing a transaction at the second location with the scanned image of the deposited instrument or electronic validation of deposited cash, whereby pickup of said at least one of an instrument and cash received at the first location can be delayed or eliminated, resulting at least in cost savings or improvements in payment

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